Clearance of projects from Maharashtra

*293. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the projects received from Maharashtra pending for clearance and since when; and

(b) by when the same are likely to be cleared, projectwise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House (*see below*).

(b) 15 proposals pending under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are under active consideration. Except one proposal all are pending for less than two months. Out of four projects pending for clearance from environmental view point, Bellora Open Cast Project and Gondegoan Open Cast Project are under process for final decision; Pimpalgoan Open Cast Project and LPG recovery plant (Phase I) at USAR of Gas Authority of India are pending for want of essential additional information, which has been requested for, from concerned authorities.

Statement

I. *Pending under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (as on 30-11-91)*

S. No.	Name of the Proposal	Forest Area involved	District	Pendency Since
1.	Construction of Sukwasi Minor Irrigation Tank	14.48 ha.	Chandrapur	November, 1991
2.	Construction of Dimbhe Left Canal and Ghod branch Canal.	34.14 ha.	Pune	November, 1991
3.	Construction of Percolation Tank at village Boranjanti, Taluk Chopada. . . .	2.00 ha.	Jalgaon	November, 1991
4.	Construction of Konkan Railway Project. .	4.038 ha.	Raigad	November, 1991
5.	Construction of Sanam Temb Minor Irrigation Project.	1.92 ha.	Sindhudrug	November, 1991
6.	Installation of Eight School Stalls for the casement of the Tourists.. . . .	0.0137 ha.	Satara	November, 1991
7.	Construction of Switch Room and laying of raising main for Dhihiwali Water supply scheme.	0.035 ha.	Dahiwali	November, 1991
8.	Construction of School Building at village Mahasave.	0.56 ha.	Satara	November, 1991
9.	Laying of 33 KV Transmission line in Wardha District.	0.48 ha.	Wardha	November, 1991
10.	Construction of Hatwane Medium Irrigation Project.	199.16 ha.	Raigad	October, 1991
11.	Construction of Mumbra-Kausa Bye-pass road on National Highway No. 4 . . .	17.046 ha.	Thane	October, 1991

S. No.	Name of the Proposal	Forest Area involved	District	Pendency Since
12.	Construction of Waste Weir and tail Canal .	4.0 ha.	Pune	October, 1991
13.	Construction of Purna River Project. . .	166.00 ha.	Amravati	October, 1991
14.	Construction of Minor Irrigation Tank at Village Halvade in Kolhapur District. .	0.8844 ha.	Kolhapur	October, 1991
15.	Construction of Dasturi Garhwal Road. .	1.97 ha.	Raigad	August, 1991

II. *Pending clearance from environmental view point (as on* 30-11-91)

1.	LPG recovery plant (Phase I) at USAR by Gas Authority of India.	August, 1991.
2.	Pimpalgaon Open Cast Project	February, 1990.
3.	Gondegaon Open Cast Project	January, 1990.
4.	Bellora Open Cast Project	September, 1989.

Gas in oil fields of Assam

*294. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that flaring gas in the oil fields viz. Naharleatia, Duliajan, Morau, Lakwa can further be utilised for economically viable fertilizer plant;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to install more fertilizer plants in the industrially-backward Assam by utilising the same ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). Available associated gas which is presently being flared has already been committed to two power plants in Assam.

*295. [*Transferred to the 13th December, 1991*].

Food poisoning in a school in Chandigarh

*296. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of children of a Sector 37 School in Chandigarh had to be rushed to the Hospital following food poisoning having taken Bakeman's biscuits which were supplied by the Patiala-based factory in a mid-day meal;

(b) whether the seized biscuits were sent for chemical examination;

(c) whether Government have investigated the ingredients of biscuits, if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against the Company; and

(d) the remedial measures Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The sample biscuits were analysed chemically and were found contaminated. An FIR dated 11-11-1991 under sections 270, 273, 338 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code has been registered and 7 persons arrested. The contract with M/s. Bakeman Home Products has been cancelled forthwith and payment of the firm withheld. All the stocks of local supply Depot of M/s. Bakeman Home Products in Sector-22A of Chandigarh was sealed by the Police. The Chandigarh Administration